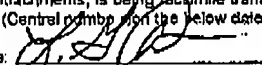


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 C.F.R. § 1.114)

Sir:

Applicant(s) requests continued examination of the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

- ☒ Submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (check at least one of the following):
- ☐ Previously submitted:
 - ☐ Applicant(s) requests nonentry of any previously-filed unentered amendments.
 - ☐ Please enter and consider the Amendment After Final Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on _____
 - ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - ☐ Other: _____
 - ☒ Attached is/are:
 - ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement
 - ☐ An Amendment to the written description, claims, or drawings
 - ☐ New Arguments and/or New Evidence in support of Patentability
 - ☒ Other: Preliminary Amendment

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Client Reference No. PA-5377-RFB☐ Request for suspension of action:

Applicant(s) hereby request suspension of action on the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; requires Processing Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i)).

☐ Small Entity Status:☐ Applicant hereby asserts entitlement to claim small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27.☐ A small entity statement or assertion of entitlement to claim small entity status was filed in prior application no. _____ / _____ and such status is still proper and desired.☐ Is no longer desired.☒ Applicant(s) calculate the following fees to be due in connection with this Request:☒ A Request fee of \$790.00 under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e).☐ A suspension processing fee of \$_____ under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i).☐ An additional filing fee of \$_____ under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 (_____ additional independent claims and/or _____ additional total claims).☐ An extension fee of \$_____ under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a) for a _____-month extension of time.☒ Fee payment to cover the above-enumerated fee(s):☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE) in the amount of \$790.00. A copy of this Request is enclosed for this purpose.☐ A payment by credit card in the amount of \$_____ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE). A copy of this Request is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

July 25, 2007

Date


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Attachment(s): Preliminary Amendment

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